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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 13 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-022390 to claim priority date of January 30, 2003
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi Naka Instruments Co., Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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